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In re the application of:

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For : **VERTICALLY ORIENTED  
JERKY DEHYDRATOR**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure, applicant submits patents and publications which the Examiner may find relevant to the examination of the application. Each document is listed on PTO Form 1449 (enclosed). A copy of each document is enclosed, for the sake of convenience.

The documents were developed by a preliminary search conducted by the inventors. A patentability search conducted by the undersigned attorney augmented the search conducted by the inventors.

The following comments may be of assistance to the Examiner in recognizing the patentable aspects of applicants' vertically oriented dehydrator.

The patent to Russell et al discloses a cooking appliance for heating various foods such as meats and vegetables (column 1, lines 50-63). As outlined in column 1, lines 10-15, "vertical broiling is the best method to cook meats, poultry and fish". This is because "the vertical cooking profile drains fats away from the product that is being cooked and produces a less greasy taste sensation and a healthier product". The patent shows a hinged cage 50 comprising grills or grates 51, 52 joined by hinges 53, 54. A fastener 301 functions to hold the grills together. This cage is usable in the food chamber 30 of the electrical cooking appliance 10; note column 8, lines 10-29.

The patents to Hogan and Harrison disclose vertical cooking using a series of vertical racks placed in a drip pan. These cooking devices are usable for cooking ribs which are placed between the vertical racks as shown in Fig. 2 of Hogan and Fig.7 and column 4, lines 21-25 of Harrison.

The patents to Perez, Gaskins, Chen and Watznauer disclose other food cookers wherein the food is held vertically during cooking. Perez, Fig.1, shows a racking grid having a plurality of pins but each pin supports an individual piece of food.

The patents to Jespersen et al and Kiczko et al show vertical cooking apparatus and are cited of interest.

The publications disclose food dehydrators currently sold by leading manufacturers.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A	D 252,397	07/17/1979	Cousins et al			
	B	D 318,206	07/16/1991	Watznauer			
	C	D 401,468	11/24/1998	Knoll et al			
	D	RE 37,955	01/07/2003	Kiczko et al			
	E	3,379,118	04/23/1968	Perez			
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	G	4,338,912	07/13/1982	Gaskins			
	H	4,409,743	10/18/1983	Jespersen et al			
	I	4,559,869	12/14/1985	Hogan			
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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			"Mother's" 2 hour jerky maker - BowhuntingStore.com

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	O	5,735,191	04/07/1998	Russell et al			
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			"The Excalibur Dehydrators", Nutrition Lifestyles, www.nutritionlifestyles.com

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			"The Air Preserve II Dehydrator", Nutrition Lifestyles, <a href="http://www.nutritionlifestyles.com">www.nutritionlifestyles.com</a>
			Pleasant Hill Grain Dehydrators, <a href="http://www.pleasanthillgrain.com">www.pleasanthillgrain.com</a>

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